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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE NEGRO WELFARE LEAGUE.

Monday, Dec. 10, 1917.

The monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Negro Welfare League was held on the above date at 249 Mulberry St.

Those present were Rev. R. D. Brown; Mrs. Eugene Gregory; Miss Virginia Robinson; Mr. R. W. Stewart; Mr. Wm. M. Ashby; Miss Helen B. Pendleton; and near the close of the meeting, Miss Ata Lanta Brown. Mrs. C. M. Scott, member of the Friendly Visitors Committee, was also present.

In the absence of the Chairman of the Executive Committee, Rev. R. D. Brown was asked to take the chair, and Miss Pendleton again asked to take the minutes of the meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer sent his report, as he was unable to be present. This was received and ordered filed with the minutes.

Mr. Ashby, the Secretary, read a statistical report as follows:

At this junction Mrs. Scott said some words of appreciation at Mr. Ashby's work. Miss Randelton moved that the reports be accepted from Mr. Ashby with congratulations, duly seconded and passed.

It was also moved, seconded and passed that a letter of appreciation should be sent to Mr. Oliver Randolph for his good work in incorporating the Society.

Mrs. Gregory presented the following letter from the Friendly Visitors Committee:-

"December 10, 1917.

To the Executive Committee of the
Negro Welfare League,
240 Mulberry St.,
Newark, N. J.

Dear Sirs:-

At the last regular meeting of the Friendly Visitors Committee, it was decided, upon motion duly made and seconded and carried, that a request be sent from that body to the Executive Committee requesting that Mrs. Richardson, who is working at the Municipal Bureau of Labor as a representative of that Committee, be paid an additional amount of \$4.00 per week for her services up there, as the Bureau at present is only paying her expenses.

Trusting that you may see your way clear to do so,

Yours truly,

(Signed) Maudette B. Gregory

Chairman."

After some discussion, it was moved that the letter be received, and word sent to the Friendly Visitors Committee that it was impossible to take on another employee on account of the lack of funds. In the discussion, the committee was reminded that all questions of the engagement of employees were, at a previous meeting, decided to be left with Mr. Ashby, who would, of course, consult the Executive Committee when he felt the need of assistance.

Mr. R. W. Stewart then brought forward the following plan: That the League, the Old Folks Home, and the Good Samaritan Orphanage for Children, co-operate in a drive for \$3,000 sometime the latter part of January, or the first of February. He thought that this could be done successfully among the colored people of Essex, Hudson, Bergen and Union Counties, each institution receiving an equal proportion after expenses are paid. The League should call a meeting of committees from these two institutions, and lay the plan before them in hope that they will agree. Miss Pendleton moved that Mr. Stewart's plan be accepted, and endorsed by the Committee. Miss Robinson seconded it, and it was duly carried.

Miss Pendleton then proposed that a committee of three should be selected from the Executive Committee to confer

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with committees from the two other organizations relative to organizing this drive to raise money for all three organizations, and to report back at the next regular meeting of the Executive Committee or a call meeting in the near future. It was then moved, which was duly seconded and carried, that the Executive Committee request the Housing Committee to draw up resolutions asking the Board of Trade Committee on Housing to include plans for housing Negro laborers.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Helem B. Lindblom

Secy pro tem.

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Treasurer's Statement to Executive Committee of Negro
Welfare League covering Oct. 29th to Dec. 10, 1917.

Balance, Oct. 29th, 1917	-----	\$720.52
Receipts	-----	281.50
		<u>\$1002.02</u>
<u>Expenditures</u> - Oct. 29th to Dec. 10,-	-----	<u>337.78</u>
Balance December 10th, 1917	-----	\$664.24

The report of the Secretary for the activities of the League during the months of July, August, and September will show that, from many points of view they have been the most successful of any period during his year's work here.

Despite the fact that they are the social workers' 'idle hours' and vacation days for most people, we at the League remained vacationless on our job and found that the demand for participation in arts which make for social welfare was not noticeably decreased.

A detailed report will bear this out.

In employment: Our most exceptional placements have been those of two stenographers, one in Newark and one in Jersey City. One dentist apprentice who is a young woman, a social worker at Lincoln House in East Orange. Good reports have come also from the women on the Penn. R. R. job who earn .33 an hour on tracks. While the work is not the kind to which women are best adapted, yet it is encouraging to know it is being done well.

Reports of investigations, women, published in the News, Tribune and Ledger.

Calls for rooms have been 35. Nothing however could be offered.

Recreation: An auto party, Children sent to Avon for summer outing. Boy's club. In co-operation with the Down Town Community work a club under the supervision of Ex-Sec'y has been formed. They meet Tuesday nights in Club Room at St. Paul's M. E. James Fultz, Athletics, Lunning Nevius and Dillon Business Trainer. At the opening September 24, 33 present, October 1-45 present. Basket Ball - plans were discussed for increasing programs of work for winter.

Salvart Ave. School has weekly attendance of 275-325. Engaged in Basketball, Music, and club work.

St. James Red Cross has met weekly during Summer. Good attendance.

Gone to Fort Newark, gave boys tobacco, and entertained them in homes. This is the 316th Labor Battalion.

Cases have been varied in type. Three of the most interesting were convalescents. High point of co-operation between affiliated organizations. Securing reduction of rent from unscrupulous landlords.

Co-operation

Community singing, 125 boys from Port Newark. Said to be the largest attendance ever. Green and Oaks served by Woman's Patriotic Services League. National A. C. C. P. had a meeting in Old St. Paul's Church, J. R. Shillady Speaker. City Fresh Air Fund, City Wide Community Work, New York Urban League, and Department of Labor.

Special

Letter written to ministers about the Fourth Liberty Loan.

Planned with the Sunday School Superintendent's about the boy's W. M. C. A. allied Organization drive.

Fostered a movement for establishing a canteen house for our soldiers. It is soon to be opened. Money has been appropriated.

Sponsored by Mrs. Felix Fuld and assisted by Mr. MacDougall, Mrs. Jenkinson, Mrs. Frank I. Liveright, The Secretary has raised nearly \$7,000 to purchase building for the work of the League and Phyllis Wheatley Home. Building has been purchased. Be ready for occupancy soon.

Plans are completed for raising further funds for the building and maintenance among colored people in the city.